

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of: ) Before the Examiner  
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Application Serial No. 10/695,067 ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
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MULTI-AXIAL CROSS-LINK CONNECTOR ) August 10, 2010  
SYSTEM FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS )

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (WITH RCE)**

**Mail Stop: After Final**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 10, 2010, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination along with the requisite filing fee of \$810 are enclosed herewith. No extensions of time or additional fees are believed to be due with regard to the filing of this response. However, please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue/publication fees.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-31, 34-46, 49, 51-55 and 57-64 were pending in the subject application for the final Office Action dated May 10, 2010. Each of the pending claims has been rejected on various grounds. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.